

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Sharron Lipford, Director of Public Engagement, Jeannelle B. Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Evangelist Linda Flowers

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the Public Session Agenda. The motion carried, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Sistrunk to approve the Regular Work Session Meeting minutes for Monday, December 2, 2019. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.
- It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Public Session Meeting minutes

for Monday, December 9, 2019. The motion was carried, and the meeting minutes was unanimously approved by the City Council.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Lavinia Cox-71st Ave.-stated that the Public Works Department had cut down a tree in her yard but left the debris. She wanted to know when they will be removing the debris. Additionally, she needs assistance with her mortgage and the ability to keep her home.
- Linda Flowers- stated that the security guard for the church noticed drug transactions taking place behind the church during service as well as at night.
- Garry A. Jones-Capon St.-inquired about the vacant homes in Seat Pleasant, the role of the NCC in the community, and if the city still had the street sweeper to clean the streets twice a month.
- Aretha Stephenson-64th Pl.-stated that there are signs in the community that not being used. She feels that they can be utilize for another purpose. Additionally, stated that the transparency of the approved meeting minutes isn't legible. The word approval in the background covers in the minutes.
- Katrina Robinson-Addison Rd.-stated that she wanted to compliment the city for the events held in the last two months. She stated that the Vision Board Party held by Councilmember McCarthy was a success and she is looking forward to next year. Additionally, the Ice Skate in the park was a delight. She has requested that Ms. Bonita come back to do Ms. Billy Holiday with or by Mayor Grant.
- Shireka McCarthy-Seat Pleasant Dr.-stated that she wanted to thank the city for repairing Seat Pleasant Drive by adding the lines. She wanted to ensure that praise was giving as loud as the complaints.

3. PRESENTATIONS:

3.1. Philip Sambol, Executive Director of Oasis Community Partners for Good Food Markets. Mr. Sambol demonstrated through a Power Point Presentation the layout of the Good Food Market that will be opening in Seat Pleasant in late the Spring or early Summer. Mr. Sambol stated that their will be a cafe shop that will provide hot breakfast items, lunch and dinner options with a grill and seating in the inside.

- Councilmember Porter inquired of a delivery services to residents? Mr. Sambol stated that they will provide delivery service through a vendor with a nominal fee.
- Councilmember Love inquired if the Good Food Market would have a pharmacy? Mr. Sambol stated that the store will not have pharmacy.
- Councilmember Yeargin inquired of the food items in the café? Mr. Sambol stated that the café will provide muffs and fresh cut fruit for breakfast, salads and wraps for lunch, and Chicken, Salmon, Pizza and salad for dinner.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired of the hours of operation. Mr. Sambol stated that the other location hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m.-9:00p.m., and 8:00a.m.-9:00p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The hours may vary when they open in the City.
- Councilmember Porter inquired if Wi-Fi will be accessible? Mr. Sambol stated that it will be available to the public and he wanted to advertise on the Seat Pleasant App to provide discounts.
- Councilmember Sistrunk inquired if the café will provide a meeting place? Mr. Sambol stated that it does provide a location for a meeting to be held.
- Councilmember Porter inquired about the shelf life of the products?
- Councilmember Maxwell inquired if their will be smart technology?

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Ordinance O-20-06 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget for Grant Revenue Received for Police and Economic Development Department. Ordinance O-20-06 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, January 6, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-20-06. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

4.2. Resolution R-20-06 To Adopt the Strategic Plan for the City of Seat Pleasant for Fiscal Years 2020-2024. Resolution R-20-06 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, January 13, 2020. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve Resolution R-20-06. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

5. REPORTS:

5.1. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin stated that the monthly reports for November and December 2019 can be found in Board Docs.

5.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant greeted the residents, City Council and staff and wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Mayor Grant thanked the City Council for the hard work done the previous year. Please visit the City Clerk's section on the website to view the legislation that has been approved by the City Council.
- Mayor Grant stated that priority in the General Assembly is education and this will create a challenge, reduction in some areas in the budget. The taxes will be increase. We are headed into a recession.
- The City of Seat Pleasant will be moving back to City Hall and some of the employees will not be able to move back to the building. The City of Seat Pleasant has requested a bond bill to assist with these efforts.
- Mayor Grant will be speaking on two bills this week SB95 -Release of inmates from prison being registered to vote. HB45 for Economic Development Opportunity Zone Incentives.
- We had received several complaints from residents regarding Bates Trash Services. Mrs. Wallace and the Acting Director Joel Montgomery, Public Works will be meeting with Bates.
- The Public Works Department new fleet has been deployed where they tract data. We have the remaining fleet that will be delivered the later part of this month.
- Mayor Grant thanked the City Council for approving the Strategic Plan on tonight. We now have our marching orders for the next several years. He thanked Former Councilmember Stephenson for laying the foundation of the Strategic Plan.

- Mayo Grant thanked Councilmember McCarthy for the work she is doing with the Vision Board Party. He stated that she has a master's degree in Mental Health and working with individuals to create a vision board. They had a four-year-old boy present his vision board, and a senior in High School who wrote her vision out clearly.
- Mayor Grant thanked Former Councilmember Shivers for his son Ashanti graduating from college and signing on to the Jaguars.
- Mayor Grant presented the CCC-The Command and Control Center- The white boxes are storm drains, the green boxes are the residence.
- Mayor Grant navigated to Seat Pleasant Drive with a report of standing water, possible water main break. The staff goes around the city and reports the information into the triple ccc, and it allows the city to see the issues that need to be addressed in the community. This allows Mrs. Wallace and the team to see and work on abating the concerns. We had a report on 103 69th St. by the NCC Department.
- When you are attacking the elected officials, you essentially are attacking the staff who works hard.
- The residents are not going to tell you that they received a citation. We must attend court for each citation and Judge Love is not loved by most municipalities, as he throws out half of the citations in court.
- NCC has been issuing tickets, as the stats are listed in the report.
- Councilmember Love is working with the County Executive Office to address the water concerns in Ward II. It takes a long time to get concerns resolved.
- Mayor Grant stated that we can issue a citation for \$400 and the Judges will reduce the fine to \$10.
- Mayor Grant stated that we can get the disposition of the court cases from the Courts.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had a snow incident on January 7, 2020. The Public Works Department plowed 9 miles of streets in Seat Pleasant and applied salt, using 16,000 pounds of salt. The job took five hours to complete. The total equipment cost was \$3,723.90. We had the director, supervisor and five public works personnel. The public works department issued alerts for the events that evening.
- Mayor Grant stated that when you are a Smart City you can provide data to the residents. The residents cannot access the information from the CCC, as it is confidential.
- We know where every storm water, gas lines, water lines and waste lines in the city.

- As we continue to build this it gives us insights, to describe the prescriptive analytics. The key is to do this in the most cost-effective manner.
- Now we are not sending the Public Works Department out to trash cans that are half empty. This cuts down on the man hour, and life cycle of the vehicles.
- We can see every single camera in the DMV live feed that is visible in the Command Center. If there is terrorist attack in DC, we have direct access to the information. We may need to shut-down a street or will provide us with the incidents.
- Mayor Grant receives alerts on the incident's reports on his screen.
- Mayor Grant stated that when had done the walk with the County Executive, the CCC provides the route we had taken throughout the walk. We have information on power outages in the city.
- The community that changed did the work, they wrote legislation and met with their state leaders to garner the support.
- You may not want Good Food, but giant, Safeway, Shoppers or other grocery store changes do not want to come.

5.3. Chief Operating Officer Report-Jeannelle Wallace, Chief Operating Officer Report

- Mrs. Wallace stated the departments submitted their 2nd Quarter reports and they will be added to the city's website under each department.
- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Public Works vehicles were replaced due to the life cycle of the vehicles. The vehicles were over twelve years old and now they are within the 3-5-year cycle.
- The departments had drafted the SOP and we are the only municipality within the state with SOP. The City Clerk contacted several municipalities and they do not have SOP's and they have requested a copy of our SOP's.
- The city had reduced the vacant property rates from 70 to 58. Residents are required to register their vacant properties in the city.
- Every department is being fiscally responsible as it one of the strategic priorities.
- Each department has its own vision and mission statement for the city of seat pleasant.
- Mr. Jones inquired if the citizens need to provide the vacant properties that they know about.

- Mrs. Wallace stated the resident can send the information to the city regarding the vacant properties.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Public Session Meeting for March

- The City Council agreed to have the Regular and Public Session on March 2, 2020 at 6:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. respectively.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Ward II Quarterly Meeting, Monday, January 27, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

Councilmember Love stated that they will have a dialogue on the taxes and discussion of the census. The city will provide information on the snow.

8.2. Regular Work Session, Monday, February 3, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m.

8.3. Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2020, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 from 9:30. am.-11:30a.m.

Councilmember Sistrunk stated that she will have someone from the Register of Wills to discuss the estate planning

8.4. Public Session, Monday, February 10, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 7:00pm

8.5. Regular Work and Public Session, Monday, March 2, 2020, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers, 311 68th Pl., Seat Pleasant, MD 20743 at 6:00p.m. and 7:00p.m.

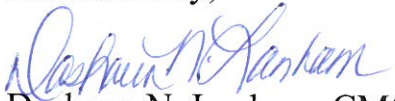
8.6. District 24 Night, March 9, 2020, Miller Senate Building, 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

8.7. Black History Fact: "Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first African American ever elected to the U.S. Senate. He represented the state of Mississippi from February 1870 to March 1871".

9. ADJOURN-

The Public Session meeting adjourned at 9:28p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED 02/10/20